

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School

Kia ora e te Whānau

This Sunday over 60 of our students are receiving their first Holy Communion, and we congratulate each of them as they prepare to receive the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist. The students and their families have been preparing for this very special milestone for a number of weeks through the Sacramental programme. Please keep them all in your prayers over the coming weekend.

Dear Lord, we thank You and praise You for the most precious gift of the Holy Eucharist.

We ask you to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time.

Help them to grow in love for You each day of their lives.

Help them to always appreciate the great gifts You have given them.

May you always be with them, and forever love and guide them on life's journey.

Amen



Tomorrow the students get to share the learning they have done in the Dance Curriculum sessions. They have worked hard over the last couple of weeks to learn their dance and had a lot of fun learning new moves and routines. The weather forecast does not look great and it is very likely that we will need to hold the performance in the hall.

Next Friday we are looking forward to joining the parish for Mass to celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. You are very welcome to join us at St Johns for Mass. It is important that the students are at school on time next Friday as the buses are leaving at about 8:50am. Everyone is attending Mass, there will be no one in the office or school for latecomers. We will be back at school around 11:30am.



Cellphones and Smartwatches: A reminder that all student cellphones are to be handed into the school office each day, and Smartwatches should be on 'school mode' or 'do not disturb'. Children should not be contacting parents during the school day. If they are unwell or have forgotten something they need to go to the office and the office will call you if needed. Likewise, if parents have urgent messages for students these should come through the school office. The full cellphone and personal device policy is available on School Docs (login details are at the end of the newsletter). Thank you for your support of this policy.

Ma te Atua koutou e manaaki – may God bless you all

Catherine Cyprian
Principal



DRS Message

Our school feast day will be celebrated with our Parish family next Friday 15th August with a special mass for the Feast of the Assumption. Throughout the week our students will explore how Mary died peacefully just as if she fell asleep and her friends and the Apostles took her body to be buried. We learn that her body was raised to Heaven by the glory and power of God. Mary's assumption into Heaven reminds people that they are also called by God to eternal life in heaven through humility and serving him. Mary's service and complete openness to God's call is an example of how we can be a true disciple of Jesus. Last year Pope Francis challenged us "Do I make service the 'springboard' of my life? ... Do I, like Mary, exult in God? ... And, after praising Him, do I spread His joy among the people I meet?" The Holy Father concluded his remarks with the prayer calling on "Mary our Mother, assumed into heaven" to "help us to climb higher each day through prayer and service." He also offered another prayer, "May Mary extend her maternal protection over each one of you".

Mō Maria aianeī O tatou waiata Kia kaha rā tātou Kia nui te aroha
For Mary now, Our songs. Let us be strong. Let there be great love.

*Ka waiata
Ki a Maria
Hine I whakaae
Whakameatia mai
He whare tangata
Hine purotu
Hine ngakau
Hine Rangimarie
Ko te Whaea
Ko te Whaea
O Te Ao
I sing to Mary, our mother,
The one who heard God's call
The call to be the mother
Of our Lord (of us all)
Gentle woman, loving mother,
Our Lady Queen of Peace
I sing to Mary, the mother of our Lord*

MĀRAMA TEAM NEWS

Kia ora Whanau.

Another week has gone by – almost to the half-way point of the term! Our tamariki have been dancing their hearts out and are excited about showing off their new moves. If the weather is fine we would love to see you at the courts from 9am on Friday. We ask that parents who allow their children to play in the junior playground area after school supervise them so that they are following school rules for safety. A reminder that our school Mass for the Feast of the Assumption will be next Friday 15 at St John's, Orewa. It would be lovely if you could join us there. |
Blessings, Marama Team.

AHI TEAM NEWS

Our Dance programme is coming to an end with the students excitedly participating in classes and eager to perform on Friday. The Kapa Haka group have performed at the Kapa Haka Showcase at Rosmini College and were well received by the audience. The groups dedication to their rehearsals was evident, and we congratulate all the students involved, along with Ms Hunt for her leadership. Our class Masses continue on Wednesdays, with St Joseph holding theirs this week, while St Dominic's Mass is in week 5. Please note that this is a change from. St Anthony's Mass is now week 6. As reported last week, that Stella will not be participating in the Interschool Rippa tournament due to a clash with Interschool Cross Country. Instead, we will be holding a Rippa Tournament with our Y5/6 students at school on Thursday 11th September from 9-11am. More information will follow.

Dance Curriculum Showcase Friday 8 August

Next Friday 8th August, students will be showcasing the dances they have been learning during the dance programme. Weather permitting this will be held on the school courts.

Session 1 9.00 - 9.40am

Year 0, 1, 3 and St Joachim, St Patrick, (Yr 5 St Anthony)

Session 2 9.40 - 10.20am

Year 2, 4 and St Dominic, St Joseph, (Yr 6 St Anthony)

School Feast Day Mass

Feast of the Assumption, 9.30am Mass, 15th August St Johns Church, Orewa. Children will travel to and from Church by bus. The buses will be leaving school before 9am. **Please ensure your children are at school well before the 8:45am bell**, wearing tidy, correct school uniform. Long hair tied back and correct school shoes.

Photolife

Individual, class and sibling photos will be taken at school on Monday 25th August. **If you would like a sibling photo** please request this by completing the form that was sent electronically to you in last weeks Beacon or you can complete one at the school office.

Team and Group Photos will be taken on Tuesday 26th August.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CHANGE OF DATE NOW TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST 1pm

2026 Term Dates

Term 1: Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April

(Public Holidays: Waitangi Day - Friday 6 February, Good Friday - Friday 3 April)

Term 2: Monday 20 April to Friday 3 July

(Public Holidays: ANZAC Day - observed Monday 27 April, King's Birthday - Monday 1 June, Matariki falls in the July holidays)

Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term 4: Monday 12 October to Tuesday 15 December

(Public Holidays: Labour Day - Monday 26 October)

Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to the children in our parish making their First Holy Communion this weekend. We hope you continue to receive Jesus in the Eucharist throughout your lives. A huge thank you to all the parents and children for your dedication to the Sacramental Programme. Thank you also for your support and help. The Sacramental Programme is very much a team effort and could not be run without a big group of volunteer catechists and helpers. We are very grateful for their time and hard work but most especially for the way that they have shared their faith with the children. Our catechists were Erica Mainwaring, Trish Hammond, Arya Widiyanto, Brenda Neville, and Naomi Bell. Our helpers were Nati Buitron, Luciana Moura, Mily Blaksley, Caroline Carlin and Rose Abejuela. We also had a group of senior students helping us. These included Polly Walker, Sienna Jordan, Maya Timlin, Leah Neville, and Sheryl Rose. Lastly, thank you to Jo Wilson and John Reardon for your help with the parent sessions.

HOLIDAY WRITING WORKSHOP

Learn the **secrets** of writing **great stories** from an **award-winning author**

- 3 day writing camp for ages 9-14
- 1 day workshop for ages 7-10

Meet your presenter:

Maria Gill
The award-winning author of books including 52 Endangered Gobblers & Four New Zealand Adventures

Andy Griffiths says...
"I wish my class had been around when I was a young person!"

Write Like an Author

Register now at: WriteLikeanAuthor.com

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STELLA MARIS PTFA

SEEKING DONATIONS

To use in our live/silent auctions
and as spot prizes at our
Quiz Night and
Splash & Dash fundraiser events!

Vouchers, new products,
experiences... every contribution
helps and is much appreciated!

Thank you for serving our school!

EMAIL US:

fundraising@stellamaris.school.nz



STELLA MARIS PARENTS

Oscars
Theme

QUIZ NIGHT

Hosted by Karl Hobman

FRIDAY
AUGUST 22

AT HIBISCUS COAST RSA
DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM

TICKETS

\$30

PER PERSON

TEAMS OF 6,8,10,12 OR
SINGLES
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE ON KINDO

★ *The Events* ★

HAPPY HOUR 5-6:30PM

BUFFET DINNER \$28/PP
STARTING AT 5:30PM
DRINK SPECIALS ALL NIGHT

LIVE BAND PERFORMANCE
BY OUR VERY OWN
ROY OLIVER & ADAM STEVENSON
FROM CAPITAL THEATRE

LIVE AUCTION FOR PRIZES

FOR MORE INFORMATION: TARA@NEEDRECRUITMENT.CO.NZ

Mark Your Diaries

15 Aug	School feast Day - Feast of the Assumption Mass
19 Aug	Whole school cross country 1pm
25 Aug	Class, Individual and sibling photos
26 Aug	Team, Group Photos
29 Aug	NZ Playhouse - The Boy Who Cried Wolf
04 Sep	Inter school Cross Country
12 Sep	Second Hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm

2025 School Term Dates

TERM 3	Monday 14 July - 19 September
TERM 4	Monday 6 October - Tuesday 16 December

2025 Public Holidays

Labour Day Mon Oct 27

STELLA MARIS PTFA 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TERM 3

- 18 July - Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 8 August - PTFA Fun Lunch 
- 22 August - Stella Maris Quiz Night - Parents Only 
- 5 September - Father's Day Activities and Morning Tea 
- 12 September - Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 16 September - Wheel-A-Thon Fundraiser 
- 16 September - Sausage Sizzle Fun Lunch 

TERM 4

- 10 October - Second Hand Uniform Sale
- 28 October - Grandparent's Day and Morning Tea 
- 21 November - Mufti Day and Gourmet Food Hamper Donation
- 5 December - Splash and Dash 
- Colour Run - early 2026 

Telephone

Netball

- Cancellation Contact -
teresa@netballnorthharbour.co.nz

Parish Office

- Parish Priest -
Father Chris
09 426 5599 ext 2

- Parish Secretary -
Theresa Fouché
09 426 5599

theresa@hbcparish.org.nz

SKIDS

- After School Care -
021 0829 7693

School Dental Clinic

09 426 8470

Bayes Buses

09 426 5504

Public Health Nurse

09 427 0300 ext 4339

Influenza A (H1N1)

- Advise Healthline -
0800 611 116

Coronavirus Healthline

0800 358 5453

Stella Maris School

- Website -

www.stellamaris.school.nz

School Bank Details

Attendance Dues &
Donations

12 3046 0362238 01

All other Payments

12 3046 0362238 00

PTFA Bank Details

12 3046 0376269 00

Waitemata Health

www.webhealth.co.nz

Auckland Youth

www.akyouth.org.nz

SchoolDocs/Policies: We have moved all of our policies to SchoolDocs. If you need to access any of the policies you can click on the link on the school website - look for the SchoolDocs link under the Community page. You will need the following username and password to access them.

<https://stellamaris.schooldocs.co.nz> Username: **stellamaris** Password: **shine**

**“Ki te ingoa o te Matua, O te Tamaiti O te Wairua Tapu, Amene”
In the Name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit Amen**